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8 November 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 8 November 1965

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25X1 [ ] OCI gave a background briefing on the Philippines and tomorrow's elections there.

DD/I reported completion of the interagency project laid on by Bundy to assess the effects of US air attacks on North Vietnam. Studies indicate that North Vietnamese civilian casualties are relatively small to date--something less than 10,000.

DD/I reported completion of a memorandum requested by McGeorge Bundy listing various proposals and attitudes concerning Atlantic Nuclear Controls, MLF, etc. The memorandum will be circulated inside the Agency but outside will go only to Bundy.

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DD/I noted completion of a study in depth of collection guidance on various foreign weapons systems. DCI asked to be briefed on our collection guidance work this afternoon.

R. J. Smith reported on the current status of SAM sites in NVN. The total is now forty to forty-five, some of them damaged. Subject is under current study.

Smith tabled memoranda providing preliminary assessment of the latest CORONA mission. New craters were found at Semipalatinsk.

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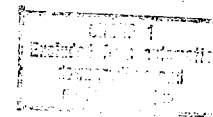
25X1 Smith tabled copies of a memorandum intended for high level dissemination [ ]

DD/S noted successful resolution of labor trouble with Southern Air Transport. [ ]

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25X1 Houston reported that Warner, [ ] last week, met with Representative Lipscomb who plans a trip to Vietnam. DCI noted that Senator Russell is going to Santo Domingo.

25X1 Bross reported a request from Bromley Smith for a secretary to be assigned to Bundy's staff [ ]

Bross reported that he will meet with General Carter and other NSA officials today on SIGINT requirements concerning the Soviet Air Force.

25X1 DD/S&T reported successful recovery of the second bucket of the current CORONA mission. [ ]  
Successful U-2 operations were conducted Friday night over Cambodia and last night over South and Southwest China. It was agreed that the [ ]

25X1 DD/S&T noted a request from Keeney of the White House staff for information on the extent of TALENT and TKH materials [ ]  
[ ] The answer has been supplied.

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25X1 DD/S&T noted that the Soviet orbital rocket and the claims made for it by the Soviets during the parade in Moscow yesterday will require a new look at current estimates.

25X1 Executive Director asked about the status of the revised paper dealing with OXCART pilots. The revision has been completed and has been forwarded to O/DCI. Executive Director inquired about the status of a revised proposal for [ ] operations. This will be ready soon for forwarding to O/DCI.

25X1 DDCI reported briefly on his visit [ ] last week. Pilot confidence in the OXCART is impressive.

25X1 DCI noted a commendatory letter from Vice President Humphrey expressing appreciation for Agency intelligence support. The letter was given to Executive Director for further handling.

25X1 DCI expressed interest in seeing a promised report from Ambassador Lodge to the President commending the work [ ]  
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25X1 DCI said he wanted to be briefed by DD/I today or tomorrow on the problems of getting systematic support [redacted]

25X1 DCI reminded DD/S&T of the importance of ensuring COMOR's review of overhead reconnaissance coverage [redacted] Any increase in coverage should be reflected in budget requests.

Referring to current budget problems DCI once again repeated his policy guidance that the Agency will fund only those operations which provide intelligence.

25X1 ACTIONS:

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3. Noting that there is no evidence available to us of Soviet test firing of a "mobile" solid propellant ICBM displayed at the Moscow parade yesterday, DCI described this as a major gap and a reason for ensuring that a solid propellant expert is represented on the Hyland Panel.

4. DCI asked DD/S&T to consider preparing a letter for DCI's signature [redacted]

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